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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

KILGER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1656

Serial No.: 09/339,103

Examiner K. Horlick

Filed: June 24, 1999

Atty. Docket No. 101614-08090

For: METHOD FOR THE UNCOUPLED, DIRECT, EXPONENTIAL AMPLIFICATION
AND SEQUENCING OF DNA MOLECULES WITH THE ADDITION OF A
SECOND THERMOSTABLE DNA POLYMERASE AND ITS APPLICATION

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 6, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated October 2, 2001, please amend
the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 138-140 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject
matter contained therein.

Please amend claims 133 and 142 as follows:

D1 133. (Once Amended) The method of claim 132, wherein said at least one
agent is selected from the group consisting of glycerin, trehalose, betaine and [or]
DMSO.